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EARLY 1963 LIST OF
ORCHID PLANTS

We are growers and wholesalers of cut-flower orchids and have been in the same location for many years. We are not organized for retail sales at our nursery. As we are continually making new hybrids to obtain new colors and types and improved quality, we grow extra seedlings and with the natural growth of our mature plants we have a surplus to offer to other growers and hobbists.

SHIPPING. We do not ship during periods when cold or very hot weather can be expected enroute to you. Plants are shipped out of pots with potting material included. We pay delivery charges on thumb pot (1½ inch) seedlings only. Larger plants and mixed orders are sent with delivery charges collect. PLEASE DO NOT ASK US TO SHIP ORCHID PLANTS IN FLOWER. Or to ship plants which will flower during a certain limited period. Flowers and buds out of the sheath are certain to be damaged enroute and there are too many environmental factors involved which may hasten or delay the development of the flowers. The flowering seasons quoted in our lists are the seasons these plants flower for us here in Calif. Your local weather conditions, Day-length and of course the kind of care you give your plants may change the flowering period.

We do not ship plants on credit or C.O.D. Accounts. We would have to charge more for our plants if we did.

WE MAKE A SERVICE CHARGE ON SMALL ORDERS UNDER \$5.00. This charge is necessary as it costs us just as much to handle orders for one seedling as it does for orders for several seedlings.

We do not list plants by Pot size, except those in thumb pots (1½ inch). We have seen plants from some other growers, in 4 inch pots which were smaller than most of ours in 2 inch pots. Instead we list them by size number. The size number being the number of years it should require to flower for the first time, providing of course the plants receive proper care with good growing conditions. Under some conditions plants require more time before they flower. We can only estimate what the plants can do on the average HERE. Number one size plants means that most of this size should flower within one year. Number two size plants should require on the average of two years of good growing before flowering, Etc.

We receive many compliments on the healthy condition and vigor of our plants and on our methods of packing to insure safe delivery.

Our descriptions of flower colors are as close as we can describe them in words. The amount of light, heat, amount and kind of fertilizer and the season of flowering all affect the degree and shade of flower color. Too much light and/or heat will darken or Muddy) such colors as yellows oranges and greens. Reds and deep purples are brighter with lots of light and a fair amount of heat.

NAMED VARIETIES of plants such as roses are all propagations of ONE plant and of course they are all alike. Named varieties of ORCHIDS are all the plants of the same parents or cross and each one may be quite different from the others. No one knows exactly how good or how bad the flowers will be on an orchid plant until it flowers the first time and as the plant becomes older and more mature the size and quality usually improves. The kind of care your plants receive determines to a large extent the quality of the flowers they will produce. Of course the best of care will not produce top quality flowers on a plant which does not inherit the ability to produce them, BUT POOR GROWING CONDITIONS WILL CAUSE THE BEST OF PLANTS TO PRODUCE POOR QUALITY FLOWERS.

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Reds-Pinks etc. in Minature growing Primary Sophronites Hybrids

#923. SLC Carlsbad Caverns. the cross of the golden yellow L.C. Carlsbad and the deep red Sophronites Grandiflora. Most of these have been red flowered with one exception which was rich orange with red lip. Flowering size plants sold. Number one size at \$5.00. Number 2 size at \$3.50. These are minatures which flower while in 2 to 2½ inch pots.

#901. SC Petite Fleur. Sophronites Grandiflora x C. Artic Snow. All of these which have flowered for us have been in true pink colors, varying from coral pink to a very deep red pink. Selected choice varieties have sold for \$50.00 to \$150.00 each. We offer a few Number one size plants at \$25.00 each Unflowered. Number two size plants at \$10.00. A very few Flowered plants in pink shades but with petals which are more narrow than the best varieties, at \$5.00 each.

#908. SLC Strawberry Gem. The cross of Sophronites Grandiflora and LC Topaz. The first planting of this to flower for us have all had red flowers but are sold out. This is a second planting in thumb pots at \$2.50 each. It is possible that an occasional orange flowered plant may show up. A couple of our customers have reported orange varieties.

#971. L.C. Elstead Gem x Sophronites Grandiflora

#974. Sophronites Grandiflora x Laelia Xanthina

During January 1962 we offered the above two crosses in 1½ inch pots and they quickly sold out. This year we offer a second planting of them in thumb pots at \$2.50 each. It is our honest opinion that most of these will have red flowers, larger and better shaped than our SC. Cleopatra.

Cultural note. Primary Sophro. Hybrids never should be dried out hard between waterings as you would ordinary Cattleyas. They need heavy flushing when watering as they resent any build-up of bacteria or fungus with thier acids and emzymes in the potting material.

White-Purple Lipped Cattleya Hybrids.

#824. BLC Ojai x C. Artic Snow. All of these to flower so far for us have been white with purple lips. Number one size plants at \$5.00 each.

#872. L.C. Erick. the cross of C. Enid Alba and Laelia Anceps Alba. two have flowered with large white, purple lipped flowers on long stiff spikes. Number one size at \$5.00 each. Number two size at \$3.50 each.

#919. C. Maya x C. Edelstein. Both parents white with purple lips. unflowered as yet. Number 2 size at \$3.50

#H 1184. C. Trianae Alba. line bred from choice parents. very rare. Christmass flowering here. Flowering size \$25.00. Number one size \$10.00 Number two size at \$5.00

A novelty cross made in the Hawaiian Islands

#25. SLC Firefly x BC Mrs. Leeman. Probally no two of these will be alike. Many colors and types can show up. Number one size plants at \$3.50 each. Semi-dwarf growing.

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Yellow, orange and related colors and blends.

#811. L.C. Golden State. Many variations in color, yellows with red lips. Orange with purple lips etc. One customer has reported bronze varieties but none of this cross has flowered bronze here. It may be due to the difference in climate. Too much light and/or heat will muddy yellows and orange-gold colors as it will also spoil green colors. Number one size plants at \$7.50. Number two size plants at \$5.00. All of these which have flowered are sold.

\$818. Laelia Cinnabarina x Brassovola Digbyana. deep yellow to orange tones in flowers shaped like giant epidendron flowers, usually with a fringed lip. Number one size plants at \$4.00

\$819. L.C. Mary Jo Nelson. L. Cinnabarina x C. Bob Betts. medium large orange-yellow to deep orange flowers usually with a red-purple lip. a very few flowering size plants at \$25.00 each. Number 3 size plants at \$3.50

#866. C. Guttata Var. Wintergreen x Laelia Harpophyllum. Clusters of 2½ to 3 inch star shaped yellow to orange flowers. Number one size plants at \$3.50.

#868. L.C. Mountain Meadow. The cross of C. Iris and LC Daniel Markell. Many colors. Flowering size unlabeled as to color at \$5.00. Number one size plants at \$3.50

#909. L.C. Topaz-orange red lipped variety crossed to C. Daniel Markell which is a large yellow variety. Unflowered as yet. It probably will be very variable in size and color. Number two size plants at \$3.50 each.

#911. Laelia Harpophyllum. Grown from seed. this is a second planting of it. One of the smaller growing types of Laelias with rich orange flowers. Thumb pot plants at \$2.00 each.

#912. C. Princess Clementine x C. Bob Betts. Unflowered and speculative. There may be some very choice large flowered Chartruse and green flowered types show up in this hybrid. Number two size plants at \$3.50 each.

Bifoliate Cattleya Hybrids

Our C. Guttata variety Wintergreen, when bred to large white and yellow flowered Labiate type of Cattleyas produce offspring in a vast rainbow of colors. there have been greens, yellows, orange, peach, lemons, apricot and some other colors never before seen in Cattleya Hybrids.

You have to see these to believe it. All of our surplus flowered plants are sold but we have some number one size plants at \$5.00. Number two size plants at \$3.50 each. The Crosses are as follows.

#851. C. Guttata v. Wintergreen x C. Empress Bebe

#852. C. Guttata V. Wintergreen x LC Luminosa

#853. C. Guttata V. Wintergreen x C. Joyce Hannington

#854. BLC Cloud Nine. The cross of LC Alcobaca and BLC Tercutian Alba. low growing plants with flowers varying from white with purple lip in a Harrisonae Shape and size to yellows, creams, light greens etc. Number one size plants at \$5.00. Number two size plants at \$3.50 each.

Green flowered and varicolored Bifoliate Hybrids Continued from page 2
#865. Cattleya Iris x C. Iris. This line breeding has produced plants with flowers in deep brown, light yellow, bright nile green, rust red, bicolored and tricolored in combinations we have never seen before. Flowering size plants are sold but we have a second planting in number two size plants at \$5.00 each.

#926-928. C. Artic Snow x LC Elstead Gem. These have started to flower on small plants in 2½ inch pots and without doubt when these are mature large plants they will produce clusters of many colored medium size flowers. Yellows, creams and blends of Lavender and orange have already shown up. Number one size plants at \$3.50 each in 2¼ to 2½ inch pots.

Candy Stripped and Splashed Varieties.

#804. LC Donald M. Fitch. this is C. Eleanore Alba x LC Peggy Huffman. Nature here is trying to make the petals of the flowers to appear in color and shape like the lips. There is a tendency for regular varieties of these to be lilly shaped. Regular varieties with splashed or marbled petals at \$5.00 each. Selected varieties of splashed types at \$10.00. These are flowering size plants which have flowered.

864. LC Peggy Huffman x C. Georgie Aldridge. This splashed petaled hybrid has wider petals and better shape for show purposes than most of the above cross #804. Selected flowered types of this are priced at \$50.00 to \$150.00 each. And worth it for breeding purposes. Few left.

#860. L.C. Galaxy. The cross of C. Leopoldii and LC. Peggy Huffman. Spectacular splashed flowers of Bifoliate shape but with wider petals in most cases. Not all of these plants have splashed petals and strangely the unsplashed types more narrow petals in speckled odd colors. Selected Splashed types at \$50.00 to \$150.00 each, these have flowered. Unflowered plants in size number one, you take your chance on getting a splashed variety, at \$10.00 each. a few small plants which may never grow to be as large as the bigger growing plants at \$5.00, unflowered of course.

#897. LC Peggy Huffman, fine splashed Variety x C. Bob Betts. Unflowered as yet. These may prove to be the best yet of the splashed varieties or they may prove to have very little splashing. We still do not know. Number two size plants, 2 to a possible 3 years from flowering. \$3.50@

Bifoliate Lavenders to Purples. These are the orchids of the Future.

#802. C. Harrisonae x C. Hardyana. Flowering size from our Cut-flower stock at \$7.50 each.

863. C. Harrisonae x C. Maggie Bartell. very good keepers. Flowering size at \$7.50. Number One Size plants at \$5.00 while a few are available

875. C. Harrisonae x LC. Daniel Markell. Flowering size at \$7.50
Number one size plants at \$5.00.

#890. Line breeding of our best C. Harrisonae. These produce flowers which are larger and have better shape and substance than many Harrisonae hybrids made and offered by other orchid growers. Plants a couple of years from flowering if given good care. \$3.50 each. Next size smaller at \$2.50

835. C. Lucienana. a novelty cross of Harrisonae and C. Leopoldii. Lavender flowers usually speckled with red dots. Near Flowering #1 size plants at \$3.50.

LARGE FLOWERED LABIATE TYPES of white Cattleya Hybrids

- #803. C. Mossiae Wagnerii x C. Elizabeth Ann Thedford
- #806. C. Artic Snow x C. S.E. Endicott
- #813. C. Artic Snow x C. Maggie Bartell
- #837. SLC Montmiami (white Variety) x C. Snowmoss
- #838. C. Artic Snow x C. Artic Snow. (both parents with gold colored lips.)
- #891. C. Snowmoss x C. Bob Betts, this has been named C. White Crest.

We have a few of each of the above crosses in Number One size plants to flower soon at \$5.00 each. Flowered plants vary in price from \$5.00 to \$25.00 depending upon the quality of the flowers the plant has produced

C. Bob Betts x Laelia Anceps, white variety. We expect this to produce white flowers of large size and heavy substance during the winter. None of this cross has flowered at this time so we can not be sure. Sturdy plants in three inch pots, ready for 4 inch pots, these should flower in another year, at \$5.00 each. Smaller plants at \$3.50

LARGE FLOWERED LABIATE TYPE of Lavender and Purple Cattleyas

- #814. C. Carmen x C. Ida S. Myers.
- #815. C. Gatton Ruby x LC. Carl Swope

Both of the above crosses have started to flower and have sold as fast as we could spare them from our cut-flower stock. very variable in color and season.

#846. C. Ida S. Myers x C. Ida S. Myers. line breeding of huge flowered Easter blooming varieties of this cross. A few flowered last Easter and the flowers were as large as the parents blooms.

Number one size plants to flower with good care within a year at \$5.00. Smaller size plants at \$3.50 each. This price applies to any of the above three crosses.

Mature plants from our cut-flower stock.

C. Dubiosa. the bifoliate hybrid of C. Harrisonae and C. Trianae. This flowers here from very late fall thru Christmass and New Years. A very heavy producer and a money maker. Large Miltilead plant at \$7.50. Smaller size plants but blooming size. at \$5.00 each.

L.C. Cinnamon Crispy. This is a cross of C. Chamberliana and Laelia Zanthina. The name is somewhat misleading as they are not all cinnamon colored. They come in many colors such as yellow, green, bronze, apricot etc. etc. Flowering size plants but not labeled as to color. \$5.00 each. The flowers on this hybrid vary from 2½ to 3½ inches in diameter.

Each year we offer at repotting time, our surplus plants from our cut-flower stock. Again this year we already have quite a number of advance orders which will be filled in the order received. Most of these are repeat orders from customers whom have bought these from us before. while a very limited supply is available we offer them at \$5.00 each. 6 plants for \$25.00. Our choice of varieties and colors. As we usually have only one or two or maybe a few of each variety it does not pay to list them but if you will tell us the types you prefer we will try to select those types if they are available. Please do not expect to obtain the still new and rare varieties listed elsewhere in this list at higher prices.

Miscellaneous Orchids.

Cattleya Leopoldii. This is a tall growing bifoliate *Cattleya* Species. The plants we offer have all flowered for the first time and vary in shade from beige with purple spots to deep maroon with black spots. A spectacular orchid when in bloom with flower spikes of up to 45 flowers on large mature plants. These were grown from seed here from very select parents. We have about 50 plants left to offer. Priced at \$5.00 and \$7.50 each. These have not been labeled as to color.

Miltassia Charles M. Fitch. This is our hybrid and was named by the man whose name it bears. The cross of our extremely large flowered *Brassia verrucosa* and *Miltonia Spectabilis*. Cross # 790. is *Brassia Verrucosa* x *Milt. Spectabilis* var. Bicolor. Cross # 891. is *Brassia Verrucosa* x *Milt. Spectabilis* var. *Mooreliana*. Most plants of #790 produce flowers in cream and white shades, spotted with purple or Lavender. Most plants of cross #791 produce mauve, lavender and deep purple flowers with various colored markings. This cross is often the largest flowered of the two but there is an overlay in size & color between the two crosses. Flowering size plants in 4 inch pots at \$5.00 each. Smaller plants in 3 inch pots at \$3.50. This may be your last chance to get this new hybrid as we do not have many left. This is by far the largest flowered *Miltassia* cross made to date as far as we know.

Angraecum Ebureum. The green-star or Comet Orchid. Growth habit similar to *Vandas*. Flowers at New Years with long spikes of waxy green flowers with white lips. Young plants in 2½ inch pots at \$3.00

Australian Native *Dendrobium* Hybrids

These *dendrobiums* produce sprays of small flowers in white, pink and Yellow shades. Flower color in these crosses will vary.

#821. *D. Gracillimum* x *D. Falcorostrum*.

826 *D. Kingianum* x *D. Speciosum Aureum*

828 *D. Kesteveni* x *D. Speciosum Aureum*

These plants are ready for 4 inch pots or 6 inch baskets or tree fern slabs. They are hardy enough and will flower better if they are kept on the dry side at low night temperatures between 35 to 50 above zero F. during the winter months. We grow them with our *Cymbidiums*.

Priced at \$3.50 each. One of each of the 3 varieties for \$10.00

Dendrobium Phalaenopsis. a native Australian orchid. Flowering size plants at \$2.50 each. this may be grown with *Cattleyas*. It wants an even temperature and enjoys heat during the summer.

Odontocidium Dena Reinikka. These plants should flower within a year with their first long sprays of yellow, dancing lady type flowers with various purple markings. priced at \$2.00 each.

Cool Growing *Miltonias*.

Again this year we offer four plants for \$10.00 each different but NOT each a different cross. By cool growing we mean they do not like high temperatures above 75 degrees. On the other hand they do not withstand cold below 50 degrees especially if they are damp because this will cause them to get black-spot diseases and decay.

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Thumb pot seedlings.(1½ inch pots)

Many of these plants are larger than plants some growers sell in 2½ inch pots. We do not recomend these small plants to beginners at growing orchids. You should have the right growing conditions and the KNOW-HOW before you buy these smaller size plants.

#937. L.C. Topaz(Orange,red-lip) x (L. Zanthina x C. Warnerii)Yellow.
An experimental cross which will vary greatly in size and color. \$1.50

#948. Laelia Gouldiana x C. Loddegeessii. similar crosses have produced striking medium size bright lavender flowers on long spikes. @ \$1.50

#945. Dialaelia Veitchii. the cross of Laelia Cinnabarina and Diacrium Bicornnutum. Cream to yellow flowers,occasionally orange,shaped somewhat like the Diacrium on medium tall spikes. @\$1.50

\$949. Oncidium Leucochilum x Onc. Lanceanum. Mottled leaf markings on most plants. This cross should withstand hot dry summer conditions better than many Oncidiums. Varied colored. @ \$1.50

#968. C. Iris.(best orange variety crossed BLC Ruth Witbeck.(bright yellow. Similar crosses have produced some fabulas colors. @2.00

#971. LC Elstead Gem x Sophronites Grandiflora . this sold out last year. we have a few more to offer this year. @ \$2.50

#972. BLC Ruth Witbeck(fine var.) x LC. Marlace(large wide petaled Var.)
We believe this will be unequaled for dark purple Show Flowers.
Some red-purple varieties may show in this cross. @\$2.00

#973. BLC Ruth Witbeck(Ivory with pink lip Var.) x Fine LC Elstead Gem.
Experimental cross which may produce some very pleasant suprizes. \$2.00

#970. C. Trident(dark Var.) x C. Ida S. Myers(very fine variety) This was made for large dark EASTER flowers. Both parents flower for Easter year after year. \$1.50

#980. LC Marlace,fine Variety x LC American Securiety,fine dark purple with large yellow eyes in the lip. Another cross which should produce the tops in Show flowers with heavy production of blooms. Both parents produce five large flowers per spike. @ \$2.00

#912. Rodreguesia Batemanii. from seed. white to pink flowers. \$1.50

#1013. Oncidium Rogersii

#1014 " " Line breeding of very special choice varieties of this popular Oncidium. These are so much better than the average imported Jungle plant that there is no comparision. @ \$1.50

We have many other new hybrids coming along from seed,including many crosses of our best red flowered SLC Cleopatra with large flowered yellows etc. but we want to wait until these seedlings are large enough to ship BEFORE we offer them. Some very pleasant suprizes are in store for our customers in the future.

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SPECIAL WINTER OFFER

Sometime ago we mentioned that we were considering offering color prints of some of our breeding stock and our new varieties of orchids. When we did not receive enough inquiries showing interest in them we dropped the Idea and immediately we received dozens of letters from our customers whom were disapointed that these prints would not be available.... So we have had a limited number of these color prints made up to offer to those interested in them. We have found that the red and green colors were not true and have refused to accept the prints that were way off color and another attempt is now being made to obtain these colors more true to life.

The Prints available at this writing are as follows.

- # 1. Two color variations of Miltassis Charles M. Fitch.
- # 2. One Variety of our L.C. Golden State.
- # 3. Variations of our Cattleya Newclear Age.
- # 4. One Variety of our L.C. Galaxy.
- # 5. A selected variety of a Splashed Petaled Cross # 864.

AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE WITH TRUE TO LIFE COLORS WITHIN A SHORT TIME. Probably before the 15th.of January.

- #6. Our Best Red S.L.C. Grand Canyon.
- #7. A Selected GREEN Flowered L.C. Elstead Gem.
- #8. A Group of C. Guttata Var. Wintergreen Hybrids.
- #9. Three PINK varieties of S.C. Petite Fleur.
- #10. Variations in S.C. Cleopatra(Red Varieties)
- #11. A Three-colored Variety of C. Iris-line bred strain.
- #12. Our very choice Sophronites Grandiflora which produces flowers to three and one-half inches in diameter.

We offer the above color prints at 25 cents each. \$3.00 for the Dozen,
Past Paid. *****

SPECIAL OFFER-good only until February 15th.1963

For Each order from our 1963 Listings for \$10.00 or more we will include a free \$2.00 plant of our choice PLUS 4 color slides Free.

For each \$25.00 order from our 1963 Listings we will enclude FREE one \$5.00 plant OF YOUR CHOICE and we will send you free all Twelve of the above color prints.

Your orders must be here by the 15th. of February at which time our spring repotting begins and from then on we will be as busy as cats on a hot tin roof. This slack season offer helps us book more orders when we are not so rushed.

Your orders are booked as soon as received and will be shipped as soon as it is safe to ship plants enroute to your location. The color prints will be mailed to you right away. In the event we are out of some prints you want, more prints will be made up and sent you as soon as they are available. This usually requires about 10 days. However we will try to keep a limited stock of all of them on hand.

Thanking you, sincerely

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P.S. These color prints may one day be collectors items as they are available only in limited numbers and from no one except us.

